(i) Chirimiri 'O' Seam, SECL — With M/s. Joy Kier

(ii) Vindhya Mine, SECL — With M/s. Long Airdox

(iii) Tandsi Mine, WCL — With M/s. Joy Kier

In addition, contract is under finalisation for Pinoura mine of SECL.

(c) and (d) Continuous Miner Technology is not in use at present in any mine of Coal India Limited. It is in extensive use in Australia, South Africa and USA. The contracts are on risk/gain sharing basis.

Report of A.K. Bhandari Committee on the Terrorist attack at American Centre, Kolkata

*93. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been detained till date by Government in connection with terrorist attack on the American Centre in Kolkata on 22nd January, 2002;

(b) whether this attack on policemen posted outside the Centre was planned by any group having link with Pakistan's ISI;

(c) whether Government have so far received/examined report of the A.K. Bandari Committee in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of Bhandari Committee particularly relating to identify of attackers, their motives and planned hit list of people/ places of terror strikes in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information, so far 5 persons have been arrested in connection with the case. The attack was carried out by two active members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), including one Pakistani with the assistance of other members of LeT. This assault group was known to be connected with the Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami (HuJeI), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and the underworld group of Aftab Ahmed Ansari @ Farhen Mallick. Aftab Ansari had claimed responsibility for the attack on the American Centre, Kolkata in a telephonic call to a senior Kolkata Police Officer and to the Anand Bazar Patrika stating that the attack was engineered by him to take revenge for the killing of one of his associates, Asif Raza Khan @Mehraj (who was killed by Gujarat Police in an encounter on December 7, 2001). LeT, HuJI JeM and Ansari are known to have bases in Pakistan, and the ISI support to LeT, HuJI and JeM in terms of providing sanctuary, assistance in procurement of weapons and infiltration is well known.

(c) and (d) Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs visited Kolkata on 22nd/23rd February, 2002 to take stock of the situation arising out of the shooting incident and to determine the assistance required by the State Government to strengthen security arrangements, including procurement of sophisticated weapons. The immediate requirement of sophisticated weapons has been met.

Participation of Private Entrepreneurs in Wasteland Development

*94 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme to encourage private entrepreneurs to come forward in development of wasteland on a large scale;

(b) if so, whether single window clearance is proposed for such proposals; and

(c) the details of the scheme proposed to be introduced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) in the Ministry of Rural Development are currently implementing the Investment Promotional Scheme (Central Sector) to mobilize resources from Financial Institutions, Banks, Corporate Bodies and Private Entrepreneurs for the development of non-forest wastelands belonging to Central and State Governments, Panchayats, Village Communities and Private farmers. The Scheme has provision for grant/ subsidy as well as promoter's contribution so as to bring about effective participation of the beneficiaries. The Scheme was restructured (after a review of its performance) and the revised Scheme which became operational in August, 1998, was made more broad based with a focus on benefits to small and marginal farmers, including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. The details of grant/subsidy and the promoter's contribution are contained in the Statement *(See* below*)*.

In the projects to be considered for subsidy under the Investment Promotional Scheme, various stake holders are involved with the promoter owning the wastelands (making his own contribution), Banks and Financial Institutions lending 50% cost of the project and the Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development) sanctioning the grant/subsidy.